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the regular fire fighters have as much interest in the whole subject of emergency medical services as anybody else, if not more, and they're certainly entitled to representation and they certainly wouldn't disrupt the balance of power, or whatever would exist on this board. They'd simply have a voice and a input and a contribution to make, and I think a legitimate one and a fair one, and no one can possibly be hurt them being represented on the board and the board would be enhanced by their presence I would think. I think the amendment should be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, and members of the body, I would like to ask a question of Senator Mahoney, if he would yield please.

PRESIDENT: Would you respond to Senator Koch?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Yes.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Mahoney, when you say two members of local subdivision of government, wouldn't that fulfill possibly what you're trying to get at?

SENATOR MAHONEY: As Senator Cavanaugh explained, it would be two additional members of the board or two paid fire fighters as part of that board.

SENATOR KOCH: One more question, Senator Mahoney. Possibly when that...that one statement says a public spirited citizen, wouldn't that fulfill your amendment?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Public spirited?

SENATOR KOCH: What is a public spirited citizen?

SENATOR MAHONEY: That's not in my amendment. I'm afraid I'd have to go to that dictionary over there and look that up.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: Mr President, and members of the body, since I spent 19 1/2 in the fire service, I'm a little bit interested in this and I'd basically have some background, I presume, more than anyone in this body. I'm going to direct a question to Senator Kennedy, if I may. Senator Kennedy, is the program strictly for the volunteers or is it for the volunteers and the paid fire departments both, or what? Would you make that point clear.

SENATOR KENNEDY: It is definitely for protection of the volunteers. We've spent two years on it and I think no question in my mind, Omaha was represented that night and agreed.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Just one statement. I would hope if this is and I guess it is being lobbied by a paid lobbyist, if they would care, the paid fire fighters and the ambulance people would care to propose a bill in their own behalf, I think we should have a public hearing and a bill introduced for the same. We are trying to protect those volunteers